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The Chancellor of Sir George Williams University today paid tribute to former Principal and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Robert C. Rae and announced plans for a search committee to recommend a permanent replacement.

"The entire University community has received the news of Dr. Rae's resignation with great regret," said Chancellor Fraser F. Fulton. "Dr. Rae strived to assure that all who have the ability to benefit by university study should be able to find the means and a place to demonstrate this ability. It was under his leadership that Sir George Williams grew into the Hall Building to now serve over 17,000 students from all walks of life. This leadership was at all times accompanied by a deeply personal concern for the welfare of students, faculty and staff."

Chancellor Fulton also expressed personal distress over Dr. Rae's resignation. The families of both men have become great friends since their association.

Newly named Acting Principal Douglass Burns Clarke, who has previously announced his intention to retire from the administration and return to teaching, has volunteered to serve as long as is necessary.

The Chancellor announced that a search committee comprising representatives of the Board of Governors, administration, faculty, students and alumni is in the process of being formed. He has requested that this committee be convened at the earliest possible date and that it present its recommendation of a new principal to the Board of Governors as soon as possible. "It is essential to have a new principal by the fall term (September)," said Chancellor Fulton, expressing hope that an appointment can be made by June.

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